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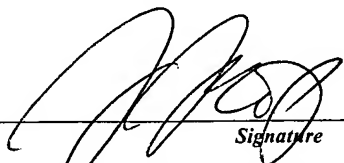
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REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is the assignee Intel Corporation.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

None.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 (Rejected).

Claims 3-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Rejected).

Claims 6-12 (Canceled).

Claims 13-16 (Rejected).

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Rejected).

Claims 19-22 (Canceled).

Claims 23-28 (Rejected).

Claims 1-2, 5, 13-16, 18, and 23-28 are rejected and claims 14-16, 18, and 24 are the subject of this Appeal Brief.

STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

All amendments have been entered.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

In the following discussion, the independent claims are read on one of many possible embodiments without limiting the claims:

14. A method comprising:
forming a photoresist with a photoacid generator with a cation having a base atom coupled to at least three entirely sigma-bonded non-cyclic moieties (Specification at page 7, lines 9-11).

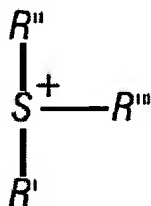


FIG. 1

At this point, no issue has been raised that would suggest that the words in the claims have any meaning other than their ordinary meanings. Nothing in this section should be taken as an indication that any claim term has a meaning other than its ordinary meaning.

GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

- A. Are claims 14-16, 18, and 24 unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kodama (U.S. Patent No. 6,858,370)?

ARGUMENT

A. Are claims 14-16, 18, and 24 unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kodama (U.S. Patent No. 6,858,370)?

Appellate review is requested because these claims call for entirely sigma-bonded non-cyclic moieties.

The references cited by the Examiner are silent about whether the moieties are entirely sigma-bonded. While the Examiner points to passages and those passages suggest either single or double bonded connections may be made from the base atom to the moieties, nothing is said about what those moieties that are connected by single or double bonds are made up of. Thus, there is no teaching that all of these elements are entirely sigma-bonded.

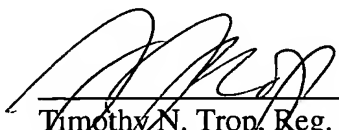
Claim 14 calls for a photoacid generator having a base atom coupled to at least three entirely sigma-bonded non-cyclic moieties. The reference suggests using either single or double bonds to bond those moieties at the base atom, but says nothing about how the moieties themselves are configured. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 14 would be appropriate.

Claim 24 calls for a photoacid generator including a cation that is entirely sigma-bonded. For the reasons just described, this claim also patentably distinguishes.

Applicant respectfully requests that each of the final rejections be reversed and that the claims subject to this Appeal be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS APPENDIX

The claims on appeal are:

14. A method comprising:
forming a photoresist with a photoacid generator with a cation having a base atom coupled to at least three entirely sigma-bonded non-cyclic moieties.
15. The method of claim 14 including providing a cation to said photoacid generator that does not include phenyl.
16. The method of claim 14 including providing an entirely sigma-bonded cation.
18. The method of claim 14 including forming a photoresist with a photoacid generator that is more transparent than phenyl containing photoacid generators.
23. A photoresist comprising:
a photoacid generator including a cation that is entirely sigma-bonded and including a base atom coupled to at least three non-cyclic moieties.
24. The photoresist of claim 23 wherein said cation includes a base atom coupled by sigma-bonds to at least three moieties.

EVIDENCE APPENDIX

None.

RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

None.